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PRODUCTION OF NATURAL GAS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the production of natural gas during each of the last three years in the country, on-shore and off-shore separately;

(b) whether the production of natural gas from on-shore fields of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. was lower than the target during the said period; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to increase on-shore production?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a): The production of natural gas in the country during the last 3 years was as follows:-

(in Billion Cubic Meters)

Year	Onshore	Offshore	Total
2002-03	11.904	19.483	31.387
2003-04	12.845	19.116	32.005
2004-05	12.897	18.872	31.769

(b) & (c): The actual production of gas from the onshore fields of ONGC during the last two was less than the targets as given below:-

Year	Onshore Gas Production (BCM)	
	Target	Actual
2002-03	5.684	5.871
2003-04	6.112	5.778
2004-05	5.699	5.528

The decline/stagnation of production from matured and aged fields in the onshore areas is a natural phenomenon in the life cycle of any fields. ONGC has been taking various steps to augment/maintain the gas production, which include the following:-

i) Measures to tap locked up gas reserves in Tripura by augmenting the gas handling capacity from 1.6 MMSCMD to 5.1 MMSCMD to meet the requirement of gas supply to the proposed 750 MW power plant at Palatana.

ii) Development of G 1 & GS 15 fields from where gas will be sent to the Rajamundry asset.

iii) Conceptualization/implementation of power generation projects under the Gas-to-Wire (GTW) Scheme in Kalol & Gandhar fields in Gujarat and Lakwa- Lakhmani, Geleki and Rudrasagar fields in Assam to increase oil production which is expected to yield incremental production of gas as well.